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by steam. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 20 and bedding 16. Manifests were viséed for 20,917 pieces of freight, amounting to 1,620 tons.

Emigrants examined: Per steamship *Chiyo Maru* for Honolulu, passed 8, recommended for rejection 38; for San Francisco, passed 0, recommended for rejection 0.

During the week 66 cases of human hair and 15 cases chicken feathers were disinfected with formalin.

The official return of infectious diseases for the week shows 1 case with 1 death of plague in Kobe.

At Amagasaki 4 cases of cholera were reported. The city of Amagasaki is situated about 14 miles east of Kobe.

MEXICO.

Report from Coatzacoalcos—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Thompson reports, September 17:

Week ended September 15. Three vessels inspected. Of this number 1 was fumigated. No illness occurred on any of these vessels while in port.

Report from Progreso—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Yellow fever at Merida.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stowe reports, September 18:

Week ended September 16.

Vessels dispatched.....	3
Vessels fumigated.....	1
Members of crews.....	129
Passengers from Progreso.....	28

Sanitary conditions showed no important change at Progreso. but at Merida 1 new case of yellow fever was reported.

Report from Tampico—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Sanitary conditions.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stowe reports, September 16:

Week ended September 15.

Vessels inspected and passed.....	3
Bills of health issued.....	3
Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....	83
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	0
Vessels fumigated prior to sailing.....	1

No case of quarantinable disease occurred during the week. Sanitary condition of port and surrounding country, good.

Report from Veracruz—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Sanitary conditions.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Carter reports, September 13:

Week ended September 12.

Bills of health issued.....	8
Vessels fumigated.....	6
Vessels inspected.....	2
Passengers inspected.....	120
Members of crews inspected.....	431

The sanitary conditions of Veracruz remain good. No contagious disease was reported during the week.

Fatal case of yellow fever from steamship Mexican from Progreso.

Doctor Carter further reports:

September 24. One yellow fever death reported to-day verified by autopsy. Arrived last night on steamship *Mexican* from Progreso. All precautions taken.

NETHERLANDS.

Report from Rotterdam—Inspection of vessels—Status of cholera in Rotterdam—Cholera carriers.

Assistant Surgeon Wollenberg reports, September 11:

Week ended September 11. Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels: September 6, steamship *Euxinia*, with cargo for Philadelphia; September 8, steamship *Amsteldyk*, with cargo for Baltimore; September 11, steamship *Nieuw Amsterdam*, with passengers and cargo for New York; September 11, steamship *Niagara*, in water ballast for New York.

No emigrants from Rotterdam have embarked. All Russians have been under five days' observation. All emigrants' effects disinfected. Crews have been inspected on deck, after being held on board while vessels were in port. No ballast water taken on at Rotterdam.

STATUS OF CHOLERA.

ROTTERDAM.—The city is to-day declared free of cholera. All patients have been discharged. During the week one death occurred among cases previously reported. During the outbreak, since August 20, there has been a total of 34 cases, with 15 deaths.

As previously reported, of the 188 contacts held under observation during the last 3 weeks, 8 were found to be "bacillus carriers." Though 2 became slightly ill, 6 remained in good health; in all, however, there were a few more stools than normally. These persons harbored the cholera-vibrio for periods varying from 5 to 12 days after coming under observation.

In view of the discovery of "bacillus carriers" here, it is believed to be probable that the disease was brought to Rotterdam by a similarly affected person from one of the several Russian ships that have recently been in port, since the voyage from Russia is made in from 3 to 5 days. Various means have been suggested for the prevention of infection in this manner, but as yet nothing practical has been determined.

NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports:

Week ended September 9. Present officially estimated population, 2,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.